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SUBJECT: WORKING SESSION ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT: PRESIDENT
ARROYO SENDS REGRETS

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1. Department of Foreign Affairs U.S. Division Director
Eduardo de Vega confirmed September 8 that President GloriaMacapagal Arroyo will not attend the UN General Assembly this
year and regrettably will not be able to participate in the
September 23 Working Session on Women's Empowerment (reftel).
Per S/WE request, Embassy POCs on this issue are A/PolCon
Paul O'Friel or PolOff Douglas Hoyt.
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